

**REMARKS**

Claims 3-5, 8-10 and 13-15 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 11 and 12 stand rejected and claims 3-5, 8-10, and 13-15 are objected to. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3-5, 8-10, and 13-15. By this Amendment, claims 3-4, 8-9, and 13-14 have been amended to be rewritten in independent form. Claims 1-2, 6-7, and 11-12 have been canceled without prejudice. The amendments made to the claims do not alter the scope of these claims, nor have these amendments been made to define over the prior art. Rather, the amendments to the claims have been made for cosmetic reasons to improve the form thereof. In light of the amendments and remarks set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the pending claims is in immediate condition for allowance.

Applicant has responded to all of the rejections and objections recited in the Office Action. Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance for all of the pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.



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If the Examiner believes an interview would be of assistance, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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